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SUBJ: INMARSAT ISWG MEETING (5)

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1. THE SECOND SESSION OF THE INMARSAT ISWG COMPLETED ITS WORK OCTOBER 31. MUCH OF THE FINAL DAY'S DISCUSSION WAS DEVOTED TO CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT (WP 23) SUBMITTED BY AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP DEALING WITH ASSEMBLY-COUNCIL FUNCTIONS. THE REPORT SOUGHT, IN A SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE, TO ACCOMMODATE CONCERNs RAISED BY LDC SPOKESMEN IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT TEXT DEVELOPED DURING THE AUGUST MEETING (ISWG I/14). BY A SHOW OF HANDS A 2-1 MAJORITY SUPPORTED PROPOSALS ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. THE PLENARY RECEIVED, BUT DID NOT CONSIDER IN DETAIL, REPORTS PREPARED BY THE WORKING GROUPS ON INVENTIONS AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION (WP-20), INVESTMENT SHARES AND CAPITAL CEILING (WP-16, 22) AND LIABILITY (ISWG II/3/ADD 2).

2. DURING THE WEEK-LONG SESSION, CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE ON ISSUES RELATING TO LEGAL, TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS AS WELL AS ASSEMBLY COUNCIL MATTERS. MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE, HOWEVER, IN PREPARATION FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FEBRUARY INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE AND IT WAS DECIDED

TO CONVENE A 3RD ISWG SESSION. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD
DEC. 1-5, 1975 AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE NETHERLANDS AT THE EUROPEAN SPACE TECHNOLOGY CENTER
(ESTEC), NOORDWIJK.

3. THE AGENDA FOR THE 3RD ISWG MEETING INCLUDES:
(1) ARTICLES NOT INCLUDED BY ISWG I AND ISWG II;
(2) AMENDMENTS TO ISWG WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN CONSIDERED;
(3) ARTICLES ON FINANCIAL MATTERS, E.G., INVESTMENT
SHARES AND CAPITAL CEILING; (4) INVENTIONS AND TECHNICAL
INFORMATION. REPORTS PREPARED BY WORKING GROUPS AT THE
CURRENT ISWG, BUT WHICH WERE NOT CONSIDERED BY THE
PLENARY DUE TO THE LACK OF TIME WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE
REPORT OF ISWG II (WP 21) AND WILL BE CONSIDERED FURTHER
AT THE DECEMBER ISWG III MEETING.

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